

Daniel O. Drennan

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Daniel O. Drennan Papers

Span Dates: 1775-1904

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1895)

ID No.: MSS19026

Creator: Drennan, Daniel O., ca. 1840-1905

Extent: 4,750 items; 10 containers plus 1 oversize; 4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Military aide. Copies of correspondence, military dispatches, reports and other documents, as well as original letters, newspaper clippings, notes, architectural drawings, memorabilia, and printed matter collected by Drennan during his service as military secretary to Philip Henry Sheridan from 1865 to 1888.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Drennan, Daniel O., ca. 1840-1905.

Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888.

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.

Tracy, A. S.

Organizations

United States. Army--Officers.

Subjects

Cedar Creek, Battle of, Va., 1864.

Dakota Indians--Wars, 1890-1891.

Fires--Illinois.

Fortification--Illinois.

Great Fire, Chicago, Ill., 1871.

Indians of North America--Government relations.

Indians of North America--Wars--1866-1895.

Massacres--South Dakota.

National parks and reserves--Idaho.

National parks and reserves--Montana.

National parks and reserves--Wyoming.

Nez Percé Indians--Wars, 1877.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Wounded Knee Massacre, S.D., 1890.

Locations

Fort Dearborn (Ill.)

Mexico--Boundaries--United States.

New York--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Southern States--History--1865-1877.

United States--Boundaries--Mexico.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

West (U.S.)--History--1860-1890.

Yellowstone National Park.

Occupations

Clerks, U.S. Army.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan, military secretary to Philip Henry Sheridan, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Charles H. Kneessi in 1946. Some material was transferred to the Philip Henry Sheridan Papers in 1960.

Processing History:

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan were processed in 1960. The collection was reprocessed in 2007.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Daniel O. Drennan is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Daniel O. Drennan Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan (ca. 1840-1905) span the years 1775-1904, with the bulk concentrated in the period 1861-1895. The collection mostly consists of copies of correspondence, military dispatches, reports and other documents, as well as original letters, newspaper clippings, reports, notes, architectural drawings, memorabilia and printed matter. The material was compiled by Drennan whose duties as military secretary to Philip Henry Sheridan from 1865-1888 probably provided routine access to many of the original documents that are reproduced.

The papers center primarily on the military career of Sheridan and related events. Copies of correspondence and military dispatches exchanged between Sheridan and other military and government officers span the period 1864-1868 and document Sheridan's battlefield command in Virginia in the last months of the Civil War, administration of Reconstruction policy, and actions along the Mexican border. A file of newspaper clippings comprises the bulk of the collection and contains a range of topics including the Civil War, military officers, Reconstruction, Indian affairs, Yellowstone National Park, and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Copies of annual reports by General of the Army William T. Sherman to the secretary of war report on military activities in the West, the Nez Perce uprising, and other Indian affairs. Other documents relate to military administration, the Wounded Knee Massacre in South Dakota, and Fort Dearborn, Illinois. Also included is a muster roll of militia volunteers from New York dated April 26, 1861, and an account of the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, by A. S. Tracy.

Related Materials

A related collection in the Manuscript Division is the [Philip Henry Sheridan Papers](#).

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material, topic, or name of individual or organization.

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BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Drennan, Daniel O., 1873, 1885-1904, n.d. (2 folders)
BOX 1	Lincoln, Abraham, to Philip Henry Sheridan, facsimiles, 1864
BOX 1	Sheridan, Philip Henry, and other government and military officers, copies, 1864-1868 (5 folders)
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BOX 2	Stanton, Edwin McMasters, to Ulysses S. Grant, copy, 1865
BOX 2	Fort Dearborn, Ill., 1897-1899, n.d. <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 2	Household recipes, n.d.
BOX 2	Maps, 1882, n.d.
BOX 2	Memorabilia, 1882, 1893, n.d.
BOX 2	Miles, Nelson Appleton, copy of military record, n.d.
BOX 3	Military administration, reference material, 1775-1889, n.d. (4 folders)
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BOX OV 1	Fort Dearborn, Ill., architectural drawings, n.d. (Container 2)
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BOX OV 1	New York state militia volunteers, muster roll, 1861 (Container 3)